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1. IN CLOSED SESSION SEPT 24 PEOPLES-ARMY COUNCIL (PAC) DISCUSSED U THANT'S REMARKS ON SEPT 11 ELECTIONS. ACCORDING TO PAC SECRETARY GENERAL PHAM NGOC LOI, DISCUSSION FEATURED HEATED CRITICISM OF U THANT, AS WEEL AS COMPLAINTS BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF PAC ABOUT FAILURE OF VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR VU VAN THAI AND UN OBSERVER

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NGUYEN DUY LIEN TO REBUT SYG'S SLUR ON ELECTIONS. FONOFF REPRESENTATIVE AT PAC SESSION READ LETTER WHICH PRIME MINISTER KY IS SENDING TO SYG VIA BUI DIEM, WHICH RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTIC ENDORSEMENT OF PAC MEMBERS.

2. AT SUGGESTION OF FONOFF REPRESENTATIVE AND PAC OFFICERS, MOTION AGREED UPON DOES NOT DIRECTLY CRITICIZE SYG'S REMARKS ON SEPT 11 ELECTIONS. FINAL TEXT OF MOTION HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED, BUT GENERAL LINES AS REPORTED BY LOCAL PRESS AND CONFIRMED BY PAC SECRETARY GENERAL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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A) PAC DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO CORRECT "PARTIAL JUDGEMENTS" OF SOME "INTERNATIONAL STATESMEN" ON SEPT 11 ELECTIONS WHICH MAY CAUSE "MISUNDERSTANDINGS HARMFUL TO DEMOCRACY-BUILDING EFFORT IN SOUTH VIET NAM."

B) PAC DECLARES THAT SEPT 11 ELECTIONS WERE "COMPLETELY FREE AND HONEST."

C) PAC "STRONGLY PROTESTS AGAINST OPINIONS WHICH HAVE DISTORTED TRUTH SO AS TO BENEFIT COMMUNISTS."
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